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EA/PHL FOR AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR RESUMED MILITARY BASES AGREEMENT
TECHNICAL TALKS

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH AMBASSADOR JOSE PLANA, ASST SECRETARY OF LEGAL AFFAIRS IN DFA AND SOLICITOR GENERAL ESTELITO MENDOZA WHO WILL BOTH APPARENTLY BE ON PHILIPPINE PANEL FOR RESUMED MBA TECHNICAL TALKS, RE SETTING DATE FOR INITIATION TALKS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF AGENDA.

2. NEITHER PLANA NOR MENDOZA HAVE YET RECEIVED PRECISE INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRESIDENT MARCOS ON HOW AND WHEN TO PROCEED WITH TALKS. BOTH ASCRIBED THIS TO SUSPENSION OF GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY DURING LENGTHY (APR 8-14) HOLY WEEK HOLIDAY. IN ANY EVENT, MENDOZA SAID HE HAD HIMSELF JUST RETURNED FROM WEEK' S VISIT TO NAIROBI AND EXPECTED SHORTLY TO BE BROUGHT UP TO SPED BY SECRETARY OF JUSTICE, FOREIGN
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SECRETARY ROMULO AND PRESIDENT ON RESULTS OF RECENT MARCOS-

SULLIVAN TALKS. IN THIS PROCESS, HE SAID, EXPECTED PARAMETERS OF RESUMED MBA TECHNICAL TALKS WOULD BE CLARIFIED AND PHIL MBA PANEL WOULD GET ITS MARCHING ORDERS.

3. MENDOZA SAID HE HAD BEEN DEEPLY INVOLVED IN BOTH ECONOMIC AND MBA ASPECTS OF PREPARATIONS FOR MARCOS-SULLIVAN TALKS AND HAD STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT IT WAS IMPRACTICAL FOR ANY SINGLE PANEL TO HANDLE BOTH ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ISSUES WITHOUT GREAT AMOUNT OF PREPARATORY WORK AT TECHNICAL LEVEL WITH WHICH MARCOS HAD AGREED.

4. BOTH MENDOZA AND PLANA AGREED WITH EMBASSY VIEW THAT FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR RESUMED TECHNICAL TALKS WOULD BE TO GO OVER TEXTS OF AGREED ARTICLES FROM 1971-1972 MBA TECHNICAL TALKS AND THEN TO REVIEW STATUS OF NON-AGREED ARTICLES WITH A VIEW TO SETTING UP AGENDA.
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